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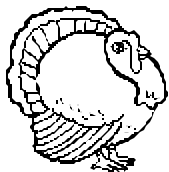
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body hens and toms was fully steady to instances firm. Offerings mixed by regions. Limited sales for prompt arrival. Trading was slow on bulk parts and meats with most reporting a mixed bag of trade sentiment. Demand was light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on fair volumes of tom drums and mechanically separated turkey, balance of items uneven. Demand was light for the mostly adequate offerings.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 02, 2002**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	64	64.00	560	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-59	59	59.00	440	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-57	55	55.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 03, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF APRIL	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.83	60.20 **	65.15	EASTERN REGION	59.52	59.00	63.45
CENTRAL REGION	60.00	59.00 **	65.00	CENTRAL REGION	58.63	58.31	62.00
WESTERN REGION	60.60 **	60.20 **	64.80 **	WESTERN REGION	59.68	59.50	62.93
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	57.91	55.20 **	61.09	EASTERN REGION	54.60	55.52	60.57
CENTRAL REGION	57.00	54.60 **	61.44	CENTRAL REGION	54.10	54.57	60.36
WESTERN REGION	55.00	55.20 **	61.00 **	WESTERN REGION	54.34	55.31	60.98

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	60-61
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 06-MAY-2002

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	67.24	151	62.60	50
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.24	151	62.60	50
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

MARCH	414,323*
APRIL 1-27, 2002	390,948*
To date 2002	1,622,252*
To date 2001	1,694,414*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 27-Apr-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS			
		PCT	AVG	OLD		AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
N EAST	904	2	22.99	(A)	906	22.99
SATL	808	-3	27.97	(A)	810	27.97
N CENT	2,136	2	31.55	(A)	2,138	31.55
S CENT	485	1	22.71	(A)	487	22.71
WEST	403	-2	22.12	(A)	405	22.12
U.S. TOTAL	4,736(B)	1	27.60	10	4,746	27.60
TO-DATE						
2002	75,014(B)			124	75,138	
TO-DATE						
2001	78,395(B)			250	78,645	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 67,000; for the year 730,000; last year to date 642,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 27-Apr-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,950	2,719	67	10	4,746
AVG WT	16.03	35.97	24.56	33.57	27.60
LAST WEEK	1,936	2,688	80	2	4,706
SAME WK YR AGO	2,006	2,725	36	1	4,768
AVG WT	15.98	35.42	26.24	31.28	27.17
TO-DATE/2002	30,051	44,233	730	124	75,138
TO-DATE/2001	33,079	44,674	642	250	78,645

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 2 MAY 2002.

Trade sentiment cautiously steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat. Demand was light to fair with some processors noting customers taking additional volumes on their regular commitments. Fresh destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment was mostly steady, frozen barely steady at best. Demand light on fresh destrapped tenderloins, frozen nil. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins ranged light to adequate, frozen ample. Demand was slow on the balance of white meat items with a barely steady at best trade sentiment noted. Offerings readily available. Demand was slow on 4-8 lb. breasts with a mostly steady undertone being noted. Offerings generally adequate. The undertone on drums started showing some unsettledness. Spot trading was noted on tom drums from current negotiations for export at higher prices while others noted increased spot availability and hen drums at lower trending prices. Fresh ground breast trim traded at 94.50-96 cents delivered domestic and young hen drums at 19 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	98.00	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00-93.00		92.73	44
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	23.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	24.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	23.75	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	40.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	17.00	60
NECKS, HEN		F	17.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	129.00	1,000
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	130.00-132.50		131.17	120
THIGH MEAT		F	50.00	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	88.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	85.00	240
TENDERLOINS		W	119.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00-132.00		130.71	62
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	68.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	10.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	11.17	714
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-26.00		24.11	456
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	30.00	52
TAILS	19.00		19.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00		12.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00		56.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 3 MAY 2002.

Trade sentiment continued cautiously steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat. Demand mostly fair with interest noted for both prompt and July - August shipments. Offerings mixed with some held with more confidence than others. Destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to barely steady for the light demand. Some cautious optimism was noted on destrapped tenderloins due to the strengthening fresh tom breast meat market. Offerings of scapula, wing meat and breast trim continued to exceed buyers' needs. Thigh meat demand and offerings were mixed with some noting a slow demand and plentiful supplies while others remain confident in the market with only limited offers noted. The mechanically separated turkey (MST) market was generally steady. Demand was light for the mostly adequate offerings. Fresh tom wings traded at 22 delivered domestic and tom necks at 16 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00		95.00	160	95.13	167
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	153.36	45
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	92.73	44	92.73	44
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.69	130	23.62	210
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	23.00		23.00	80	23.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	40	24.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00-23.50		23.13	150	23.00	270
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	24.00	20	24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	20	28.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	40.00	20		
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	40	16.67	180
NECKS, HEN		F	17.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	129.00	1,000	128.77	1,040
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	130.00-135.00		132.00	200	130.42	520
THIGH MEAT	57.00		57.00	30	57.00	30
THIGH MEAT—FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	88.00	40	91.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	82.00-85.00		83.57	140	84.47	380
TENDERLOINS		W	119.00	40	119.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	120.00		120.00	200	120.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	126.00-130.00		128.13	64	129.40	126
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	64.00		64.00	40	64.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	11.00		11.00	20	10.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	11.00-11.50		11.13	160	11.16	894
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.50-25.50		23.97	464	24.13	1,450
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	104	22.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00-30.00		28.50	208	28.38	416
TAILS	23.00-24.00		23.58	96	20.45	304
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00-13.00		12.83	480	12.66	604
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00-57.50		57.25	160	56.42	848

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